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DE 4313284 is a German-language reference. Enclosed is a full English-language translation of this document. JP 57-140339 is a Japanese-language reference. An English-

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Also enclosed are the International (PCT) Search and Examination Reports for the PCT application number US01/28728 filed 11 September 2001 from which the present application derives its priority.

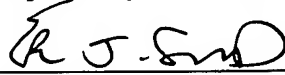
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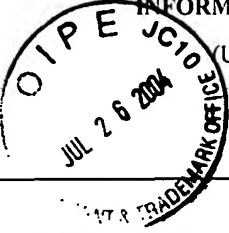
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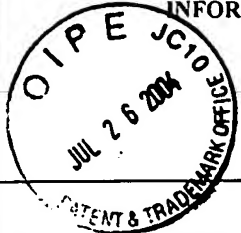
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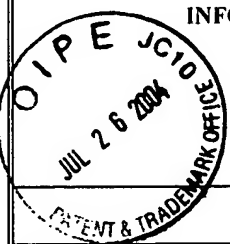


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